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# WATER SUPPLY FOR LOS ANGELES ONCE AGAIN THREATENED

Aqueduct Dynamited Second Time in 24 Hours—300 Feet of Piping Destroyed

## REPAIR GANGS BEING RUSHED TO THE SCENE

Valley Landowners Are Accused and City Council Is Asked to Offer \$10,000 Reward For Capture of Dynamiters—Telephone Lines Also Are Cut, Supposedly By Same Parties.

Los Angeles, May 28 (UP)—A report that the Los Angeles aqueduct had been dynamited for the second time in 24 hours and about 300 feet of piping destroyed reached the city water and power bureau headquarters early today. A repair crew was reported despatched to the scene near Big Pine.

Officials took steps today to protect the city's principal water source against the ire of Owens valley residents because of the dynamiting of the nine foot steel siphon across No Name Canyon, 175 miles from here, yesterday.

The big conduit was blasted along a 435 foot section after ten armed men overpowered two guards in the vicinity, removed them to a distant point and disappeared as the explosion cut off the principal water supply source of the city.

The Los Angeles water and power commission, accusing the valley landowners of the dynamiting, has asked the city council to permit the offering of a \$10,000 reward for the capture of the dynamiters. Sheriff Tom Hutchinson of Inyo county assured the city officials that he and six deputies would make every effort to identify the men who removed the guards.

Phone Lines Cut  
A move by the Los Angeles city council to obtain a federal investigation of the cutting of interstate telephone lines near the scene of the explosion brought a statement from United States District Attorney S. W. McNabb that he knew of no statute under which such a crime could be prosecuted.

The Owens valley group, according to Los Angeles city water officials, for several months has hinted that violence would result if the city failed to buy property in Owens valley at a cost variously estimated at from \$6,000,000 to \$20,000,000. The water involved represents by far the greater part of the Los Angeles city supply.

Little Danger of Shortage  
Little danger of a city water shortage is anticipated despite the estimate that it will take two weeks to repair the 42 foot break in the siphon. A supply sufficient to last the city 100 days is stored in reservoirs between the break and Los Angeles.

A few hours after the dynamiting was reported a crew of 150 men, 50 trucks and 15 tractors were at work repairing the damage, estimated at from \$50,000 to \$75,000.

The two aqueduct guards, Tom Spratt and his nephew, Louis Spratt, said they were overpowered by four of the ten men before they could draw their guns. The other six men, they said, waited in the background while the watchmen were taken a mile up the canyon and warned to remain there. Shortly afterward the explosion rocked the surrounding hills. The telephone lines had been cut and the water poured out of the broken pipes at the rate of 375 cubic feet per second while the watchmen walked five miles and motored 20 more to warn the reservoir to shut off the supply.

The two previous dynamitings of the aqueduct caused little damage. The chief clash between valley and city was in November, 1924, when men said to represent the ranchers took possession of the Alabama control gates and held them open for 65 hours while the water poured out upon the desert. The men then were prevailed upon by their leaders to close the gates and abandon their positions. No prosecution ever resulted.

## SEVEN REAPPOINTMENTS TO CITY COMMISSIONS

Mayor Weld to Make Only One Change in His Official Family.

Several reappointments to commissions were announced today at the office of Mayor Weld, including: Edward F. Hall, chairman of the board of finance and taxation; Walter J. Kenney, garage commission; Joseph F. Lamb, water board; William S. Bacon, board of finance and taxation; Romeo A. Grise, building commission; Frank Rogers, garage commission; George A. Speak, board of finance and taxation.

All others whose terms expire are asked to accept reappointment. Mayor Weld stated, the only exception being the board of assessors where the projected appointment of Thomas Linder as chairman will be carried out.

# NATIONAL FOREST IN COLORADO FIRE SWEEP

More Than 5,000 Acres of Pines Destroyed—Blaze Gets Out of Control.

Pueblo, Colo., May 28 (UP)—A wind, threatened a large part of the raging forest fire, fanned by a high San Isabel national forest today. More than 5,000 acres of timber, principally pine, have been laid waste. Leaders of the 600 fire fighters were pessimistic over their ability to stop the blaze.

H. E. French, forest supervisor, declared that unless the wind abated "there will be no stopping the fire." The fire, which started late Thursday, was believed to have been brought under control yesterday. Smoldering embers were whipped into flames by a strong wind last night, however, and the blaze early today was out of control.

Sixty men are digging trenches and hewing trees in the path of the fire in their effort to save the forest. Among the fire-fighters are 40 convicts from the state penitentiary at Canon City.

The blaze was believed to have started originally from burning stumps on a ranch adjoining the forest.

## FOUR ARE DEAD FROM FIENDISH CLUBBING

Two Other Tampa Persons Badly Injured—Suspect Accuses Companion

Tampa, Fla., May 28 (AP)—A woman's scream, heard at daybreak by a railroad track walker, has led to the arrest of two middle aged men and an account from one of them of a home invaded by a drunken man who mercilessly beat six members of a family with a heavy tool, four of them to death.

Herman Merrell, 42, a carpenter, and three children, Ralph, 11; Mildred, 5, and Buddy, 3, are dead. Mrs. Merrell, 35, and a three month old baby were near death today from wounds inflicted with a railroad spike maul.

From E. H. Levine, a shabbily dressed man arrested early last night, police said they had a story that fixed the crime on Leonard Thompson, Thompson was arrested forthwith and taken from a rooming house to jail where he and Levine were held incommunicado.

A desire for revenge was given as the motive, police said, but whether the cause was for real, police had not determined. Edward Merrell, the dead man's brother, said they had no money and no enemies that he knew of.

"Thompson and I were drinking together Thursday night," police said. Levine related under protest. "He told me earlier in the day that Merrell had done him a dirty trick and he was gonna get him that night."

"We walked along the railroad track near the house and I lay down. Thompson went on. Next thing I knew I heard a noise from the house. I went in the back door. It was dark so I lit matches and walked around and looked at what Thompson done."

Thompson admitted he had been with Levine Thursday night but denied emphatically that he was responsible for what the man saw, the mutilated bodies of six persons, lying in the positions in which they slept. Levine left the room then and it was several hours later that Kenneth Merrell, 16, looked on the bodies after returning from a visit with relatives over night.

On being taken to the Merrell home, Levine pointed out to officers things he had observed the night before, even finding burnt matches he said he dropped. He did not know that Hugh Merrell, 8, had fallen from his bed in sleep and escaped injury.

## WOMAN DROPS DEAD AS MAN IS BURIED ALIVE

Sight of Sewer Cave-In in Camden, N. J., Proves Too Much For Spectator

Camden, N. J., May 28 (AP)—A man was buried alive and a woman fell dead during the excitement when a sewer caved in last night. Another man was buried almost to his arms but managed to work himself free.

Simon Casla, who was tapping an outlet to the sewer with several other workmen disappeared when the cave-in occurred.

Mrs. Amelia Aschoff, 60, who witnessed the cave-in from the window of her home, dropped dead as nearly 100 firemen and police arrived at the scene and started digging for Casla.

License Tag Too Big and Heavy for Her Little Dog  
Chicago, May 28 (UP)—When Mrs. J. McCormick, granddaughter of John D. Rockefeller, went shopping for dog licenses in the millionaire colony of Lake Forest, she had no difficulty in fitting up Merrie and Christmas, huge German police dogs, but she demurred at the size of the tag offered for the third of her pets.

This one was Wu-Si-Woo, a six inch long, three-inch high Chinese canine blue blood.

"Why a license tag would almost break his neck," Miss McCormick said. "He's so small that in winter I carry him in my muff or in my pocket."

The license clerk won the argument, however, and Miss McCormick departed with each dog tagged.

# Girl Pours Gasoline Into Lamp Which Explodes, Igniting Dress; Saved From Death By Blind Aunt

Woman Deprived of Sight Hears Niece Scream, and Jumps Through Window to Bring Assistance.

(Special to The Herald)  
Bristol, May 28 (UP)—A nine year old, of 21½ Sixth avenue, East Bristol, had a narrow escape from being burned to death shortly after 9 o'clock last night when a lamp which she was filling with what she supposed was kerosene, but which proved to be gasoline, exploded and set fire to her clothing.

Her screams brought to her assistance her aunt, Mrs. Augustus Hursey, who is blind, and with assistance of neighbors, the clothing on the little girl was extinguished. Mrs. Hursey, in her hurry to secure assistance, jumped through a downstairs window, but was uninjured. The little girl was badly burned about the face, arms and legs and was attended by Dr. P. A. Park of this city.

A call was sent in to the central fire station and both Squad A and Hose Company No. 1 responded. The fire, which had reached the walls and partitions in the kitchen, was extinguished with chemicals with but a slight amount of damage.

## DIVER'S THRILLING FIGHT WITH OCTOPUS

Kills Giant Devilfish and Rescues Body of Sailor From Its Tentacles

Port Townsend, Wash., May 28 (AP)—A huge octopus, bearing in its tentacles the body of one of five men who were down on the tug "Warrior" early Tuesday, gave up its human prize after an hour's battle 50 feet under water with A. E. Hook, a diver. Hook related his story here last night upon arriving with the body.

The diver was under water repairing a fish net, he said, when he sighted the devilfish making his way along the bottom of the Sound with the body in his tentacles.

Seizing a pike pole, Hook attacked the sea monster. Minutes were on as the diver thrust and lunged at the octopus, which gave savage battle but grimly held to the body. Time after time the devilfish warded off the spear with the power of its flinging arms.

The water was becoming cloudy. Centering his thrusts on the middle section of the spiderlike demon, Hook literally cut his tentacles adrift to ribbons before the death struggle was ended. The octopus sank back, apparently mortally wounded, and lay on the muddy bottom of the Sound while Hook pried loose the tentacles from around the body.

In Port Townsend the body was tentatively identified as that of H. Healey, cook on the ill fated tug. Attempts were being made to get in communication with his relatives, who are thought to live near Atlantic, Ga.

With upwards of 10,000 persons assembled to witness the "snuffing out" process, Thornton donned his fireproof clothing shortly before ten o'clock last night and carried a charge of explosive to the base of the flame. He hastily placed it and ran to the blast spot to explode it. The blast cut the flame for an instant, then it leaped skyward again. Several persons were knocked down by the concussion and windshields on a few automobiles were shattered.

Thornton announced the first charge was merely to cut off the casing on a level with the ground. He then placed a second and larger charge while engineers manned the steam lines.

With the flash of the blast, the steam barrage centered on the mouth of the well. The flame sputtered and vanished. Numerous spectators were hurled to the ground and windows in many buildings were broken. No one was injured.

Mrs. Lindbergh, who is anxiously awaiting his return continues her duties as an instructor of chemistry at a local high school and is adhering rigidly to her policy of declining all proffers to commercialize her son's fame. More than one thousand gifts received from persons over the country during the past few days have been returned to the senders by the liner's mother.

Each day Mrs. Lindbergh receives a cable from her son telling her briefly of his plans, such as yesterday's which said: "I'll see King Albert tomorrow."

## Pope Not Likely to Get Into 'Wet' Controversy

Rome, May 28 (UP)—Merely acknowledgment will be accorded by Pope Pius, Vatican officials believed today, to the letter of William H. Anderson, American dry leader, requesting a statement on the Vatican's attitude toward prohibition.

The Vatican, it was suggested today, would adhere to its policy of never interfering in the internal affairs of nations. The Holy See regards prohibition as an internal American problem. It was emphasized today that there were plenty of prelates in the United States competent to express the church's attitude toward prohibition.

## American Fleet Leaves For Southern Waters

Newport, R. I., May 28 (AP)—Headed by the battleship Seattle, flagship of Admiral Charles F. Hughes, the United States fleet which has been in the harbor since Friday of last week sailed early today for southern waters. Slowly the giant craft fled, one by one, past Fort Adams into the open sea. The larger ships had been preceded at dawn by some of the smaller boats in the auxiliary squadrons.

## Prince Harold, Denmark, Honors Channel Swimmer

Copenhagen, Denmark, May 28 (AP)—King Harold, brother of King Christian, and the princess gave a reception last night in honor of Mrs. Clementine Corson, the former Mille Gade of Denmark, the first mother to swim the English channel. The prince presented Mrs. Corson with a number of autographed photographs. King Christian recently conferred a gold medal on the swimmer in recognition of her achievement.

# THOROUGHLY BAD GIRL REALLY DOESN'T EXIST

Girls' Service League Worker Declares She Never Saw Hopeless Case.

New York, May 28 (AP)—In 20 years of welfare work Miss Stella A. Miner, director of the Girls' Service league, says she has not seen "a thoroughly bad girl."

"There is always something good to build upon," Miss Miner says in her annual report, issued today. "It is often courage and inquiring minds rather than helplessness and lack of purpose which have brought them to our door."

Nearly four thousand girls were assisted during the last year. Sixty-seven per cent of the cases came from homes "where alcoholism, immorality, cruelty, poverty or broken family life have been decided influences," Miss Miner states. "Sixty per cent have come from homes where foreign-born parents have failed to keep step with American born daughters."

## TRANS-ATLANTIC AIR SERVICE IS PLANNED

Boston Traveler Story Tells of Planes for 100 Passengers

Boston, May 28 (AP)—The Boston Traveler in a copyrighted story published today says that it has learned of preparations which have been going on over a long period for service with giant airplanes carrying at least 100 passengers.

The Traveler says: "The Boston Traveler today gives the first news of hitherto secret preparations for regular trans-Atlantic airplane service using giant liners carrying at least 100 passengers each. Boston will be one of the first ports in America to get the service."

"The great trans-oceanic ships will be heavier than air planes. The backers of the enterprise tested and abandoned the idea of using dirigibles. The date of the start of the service is not divulged."

"Until now the plane has been protected by the utmost secrecy. Quick upon the heels of Captain Lindbergh's triumph comes the Traveler's discovery of the secret preparations that have been going on for 16 years without even a breath of it reaching the ears of a single person outside the powerful group of engineers, financiers and sportsmen who are making possible the gigantic undertaking."

"The trail leads from Boston to New York and Dayton and finally to the very heart of it all in an extremely interesting establishment on a lonely mountain top in Massachusetts."

In the place, the Traveler continues, was found "a man whose name had been smothered over the front pages of American newspapers in years past but who suddenly disappeared from public life and has not been heard from since by many of his former friends."

It would appear impossible for such a celebrity to disappear so utterly from the eyes of the world and his friends until it is explained that fate helped him in his desire for seclusion. Several years ago a man of the same name was killed in Japan and when word of the death was cabled to America it was thought that it was he who was dead. The misunderstanding fitted perfectly into the plans of the man whom the Traveler reporter found on the Massachusetts mountain top.

"The Traveler has full information as to the design of the great air liners, but as that information was given in confidence this newspaper quite naturally will not violate the confidence given. At a later date the Traveler will be released from that pledge and at that time will inform its readers fully of the details."

"But it can be told that the new plane, while adhering strictly to the science of aviation and following mathematical rules laid down after tests at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, will be at the same time a craft that will astonish even the most ardent of all aeronautical engineers."

No prediction is made as to speed but it is assured that the air-liners will cross the ocean in much less than 48 hours. This estimate is given as conservative because the designer of the plane is quoted as saying:

"Our air liners will have more than three motors—how many more we would rather you would not divulge at this time. Our planes will contain cabins and berths and dining rooms and recreation rooms and promenade decks. They will be heated throughout."

"We will be able to maintain a schedule. We will be able to give safe transportation. At this time the only other information I can divulge is that we will not follow the route taken by Captain Lindbergh. We shall fly by way of the Azores."

## IS CRITICALLY ILL

Condition of Earl Carroll Is Causing His Attending Physician Considerable Worry.

Atlanta, Ga., May 28 (UP)—Earl Carroll, New York theatrical producer, is in a critical condition from a malady both physical and mental, Dr. Henry McGeehe, Atlanta diagnostician, said today.

"Something must be done immediately," Dr. McGeehe declared, "if Carroll is to recover. I cannot say at this time what the cause of Carroll's condition is but will be able to do so in time."

The report of Dr. McGeehe, Dr. Fred C. Williams, superintendent of the South Carolina state hospital, and Dr. James Fouché, Columbia, S. C., on Carroll's condition is to be forwarded at once to the department of justice in Washington.

None of the physicians would say whether it recommended clemency for Carroll, now a federal prisoner, under sentence for perjury.

## Veteran Miner Is Hero In Underground Blast

Aguilar, Colo., May 28 (UP)—Six men were killed and another injured in an explosion which killed more than 200 men trapped 162 men in the Delagua coal mine of the Victor American Fuel Co., 19 miles from here.

A 60-year-old miner, Dan Woods, today was credited with having saved the lives of the rest of the crew when the explosion blocked the entrance of the shaft with a solid wall of debris at noon yesterday.

The men were beginning to get hysterical, when Woods, veteran of many a mine disaster, took charge. Through the dense smoke, Woods led the survivors to safety through a little known north slope exit. The men marched in lock step behind him.

# LAST BIG BATTLE OF FLOOD STARTS

Man and River in Combat for Possession of Two Cities

## INUNDATION IS FEARED

New Iberia and Morgan City Likely to be Under Water by Tonight—Steamers Taking Refugees to Safety Camps.

New Orleans, May 28 (AP)—Man and river today were preparing for what was believed to be the last great battle of the flood area as the waters of the Atchafalaya and the Tensas Basin moved down on New Iberia and Morgan City. Already these towns of 6,000 and 5,000 population respectively, have been partially inundated and with the water rising an inch an hour it was believed that both would be totally under water by tonight or tomorrow.

100 Miles Up River  
Morgan City, about 100 miles west of New Orleans, is at the mouth of the Atchafalaya where the mass of water sweeping relentlessly down the narrow Atchafalaya basin must empty into Gulf of Mexico. A few miles above Morgan City Atchafalaya empties into Grand lake, and residents of lake region have been forced to flee their homes as the flood waters swept the shores of the lake.

The river then flows out of the lake again to run for about 15 miles through fertile country before it pours its muddy flood into the gulf.

Crest of Flood  
The crest of the flood in the Atchafalaya basin was believed to be in the Breux Bridge section, many miles up the river from Morgan City and still above Lafayette, there the largest refuge camp of the section is located. But the first brush with the irresistible force of the river already has been fought out at its mouth and the waters have been victorious. The flood probably will last several weeks more before the great passes to the sea.

A statement from Red Cross headquarters here last night said that over 2,500 refugees were expected to be taken care of out of New Iberia alone. Yesterday officials at Baton Rouge estimated that only about ten per cent of the populace driven from their homes found their way to the refuge camps. The others, they said, were cared for in private homes.

As the waters moved down toward the gulf, rice fields which were being irrigated yesterday were covered several feet deep.

Forces were being massed today for the evacuation of those left at Morgan City. Two light draft steamers with eight barges were chartered with New Orleans and started through the Harvey Canal to the mouth of the Atchafalaya.

Waters Spread Out  
The waters from the McCrea Creek, 150 miles northwest of New Orleans on the opposite side of the river, was spreading more slowly. Several cross road towns were inundated completely or partially and Baton Rouge reported that a few persons had been forced to spend the night on the levees waiting for boats to take them to refuge camps.

Health conditions in all camps were reported good. Regular hospitals have been established at all concentration points and the physicians in charge reported that there has been no more sickness than could normally be expected in gatherings of from 5,000 to 10,000 persons.

The situation on the lower river remained practically unchanged. Slight drops were registered from the mouth up to Baton Rouge.

## LOSSES AT GAMBLING

Brands Story He's Broke as False—Sued by Stage Director

New York, May 28 (AP)—Charges and denials that Florenz Ziegfeld, theatrical producer, is "broke," and that he lost \$100,000 within a year gambling in Florida featured a hearing in the suit of Edward Royce, stage director against the producer for \$1,000 and a percentage of the profits of "Rio Rita," a current Ziegfeld production.

Royce through counsel yesterday claimed Ziegfeld's knowledge of stagecraft is "restricted to women and costumes," while the producer's attorney asserted Royce is a "has been" in stage direction. The suit is being heard by Justice Seeger in White Plains.

Royce claims he was contracted to put "Rio Rita" in shape at a salary of \$1,000 a week for five weeks and one per cent of the gross receipts. He states the production has already brought in more than \$100,000, and asks for his percentage. He further charges Ziegfeld with having permitted his notes to go to protest for two years.

Ziegfeld in his affidavit charged Royce with having deserted the show at a critical time; that the production was in "pretty bad shape" when he engaged others to continue the work and that Royce called for a rehearsal of the show in Philadelphia and then failed to appear himself.

Besides denying that he was financially insolvent, Ziegfeld listed several of his holdings, among which he said were \$7 1/2 per cent of the stock of the Rio Rita company; one-third interest of the Colonial theater in Boston, 62 1/2 per cent of the "Ziegfeld Follies"; one-fourth interest in the moving picture production of "Ben Hur," and that he receives \$50,000 a year from a large motion picture producing company, together with a 35 per cent share of the profits of any pictures made by that concern with which he was associated. He also listed real estate properties in Chicago, and at Hastings-on-the-Hudson, where he resides with his wife, the former Billie Burke.

"I brand as absolutely false the statement that I have lost in excess of \$100,000 at gambling in the state of Florida within the past year, and I deny that I have ever stated such to be the fact to any person, nor is any such statement true," Ziegfeld declared in his affidavit.

## THE WEATHER

New Britain and vicinity: Fair and continued cool tonight and Sunday; probably light frost in exposed places tonight.

# LINDBERGH BIDS ADIEU TO PARIS; MILLION PEOPLE IN BRUSSELS TO WELCOME HIM

## KING GEORGE AWAITS VISIT OF LINDBERGH

Lady Astor and Parliament Members Also Will Act as Hosts

London, May 28 (UP)—King George, Lady Astor and parliament will be hosts to Charles Lindbergh during his visit here next week.

The American flier will arrive Sunday afternoon by air and will be entertained at the United States embassy, Ambassador Houghton announced.

The ambassador will entertain Lindbergh at luncheon Monday and the American Correspondents' association will give a dinner for him that night. Tuesday will be the big day of his visit. King George will receive him in audience in the morning, and the Westminster Gazette said today it was understood His Majesty would confer a high honor on the young aviator. Lindbergh will attend a session of parliament at 4:30 and will be the guest of Lady Astor at tea at the house of commons afterward.

The air council will give a luncheon for him Tuesday and the combined organizations of the city will entertain him at dinner. In the evening he will attend a charity ball at Albert hall.

Wednesday night the combined American social organizations of the city will give a dinner for the flier. Wednesday afternoon he probably will see the Derby.

Lindbergh is expected to leave London Thursday.

Brussels, May 28 (UP)—Brussels today prepared to shower honors on Charles Lindbergh, much as Paris has done since he arrived there a week ago tonight.

King Albert already has signed a decree appointing Lindbergh a chevalier of the Order of Leopold—the highest honor Belgium can confer.

Lindbergh will come into contact with royalty for the first time when he is received by the royal family here.

The flier's 2 hours here as the guest of the United States embassy will be crowded with social and official receptions, luncheons and dinners.

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## DEPARTING AVIATOR CIRCLES FRENCH CAPITAL, DROPPING FAREWELL MESSAGES OF GOOD WILL AND APPRECIATION

Flier Arrives in Belgian Metropolis at 3:17 p. m.—National Colors Give City Holiday Appearance.

Brussels, May 28 (AP)—Captain Charles Lindbergh, American trans-Atlantic flier, arrived here today from Paris at 3:17 p. m.

There was a great roar of voices, shrill tooting of whistles and honking of horns as the birdman, swooping down in a great circle from Le Bourget flying field, passed over the Arc De Triomphe and the place De La Concorde, circled the Eiffel Tower, and then headed straight north for Brussels, Belgium, and new triumphs.

After a week of adulation such as no foreigner has ever been given before in France, the young American temporarily quitted French soil when the wheels of his monoplane left the runway at Le Bourget field at 12:49 p. m.

The precaution taken against accidents at the field kept the crowd to a minimum there, but in Paris every open space was jammed with people eager for a